

What documents do I need to get my EDL/ID?

We accept only original documents or government-certified copies. We cannot accept internet printouts, temporary, uncertified, notarized, or altered documents. Use this checklist to be sure you have the correct documents for your appointment.

☐ **Proof of United States citizenship**

Show **one** of the following:

- United States Passport that is valid or has been expired no more than five years
- Original certified* state birth certificate (issued by the city, county, or state)
- Certificate of naturalization
- Certificate of citizenship
- Department of State Consular Report of Birth Abroad

* A certified birth certificate has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed, or multicolored seal; a registrar's signature; and the date it was filed with the registrar's office, which must be within one year of your birth.

☐ **Proof of name change**

Is your current name different than the name on the document you will use for proof of United States citizenship?

If your current name differs from the name on your proof of citizenship document (your birth certificate, for example), you must submit a marriage certificate (certified copy or original, and it must contain a control number to allow validation) or a court order showing the change of name.

I lost my marriage certificate. Where can I get a certified copy?

For recent marriage certificates from the last four months: contact the county auditor where the license was filed.

For certificates from January 1, 1968 to four months before the present: order through the Center for Health Statistics.

For certificates before January 1, 1968: contact the county auditor where the license was obtained.

☐ **Proof of identity**

Show **one** of the following:

- United States Passport
- Military ID
- Valid driver license or state-issued ID card
- Government employee ID card (state, federal, or city) showing your name and signature
- Tribal identification card

☐ **Social Security number**

Be prepared to provide your Social Security number. You don't need to show us the card.

☐ **Proof of Washington State residence**

Show **one** document with your name and current residential address. Some examples of accepted documents are:

- Homeowner's insurance policy or invoice showing the address of the property insured
- Home utility bill (gas, electricity, water, garbage, or landline telephone) or hook-up work order dated within the past 60 days (we cannot accept this if two unrelated people are listed on bill or order)
- Mortgage document or monthly coupon payment book
- Property tax bill or statement dated within the past 12 months
- Current phone book published with your name and address
- Moorage bill or contract showing that you live aboard a boat

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Proof of Washington State residence (continued)

- Restricted-area identification card, with address, issued for high security installations, such as the United States Armed Forces, Hanford, Boeing, and so on
- A document from a public or private institution (hospital, college, Microsoft, and so on), or government agency (Veterans Administration, Corrections, and so on) that attests to your residence in the institution or in housing they supply. The document must show a name and phone number of a contact that can verify the information.
- Tribal ID containing your current residential address
- A filed property deed or title
- Official government business mail dated within 30 days of application; this must include your first and last name and must be from a state or federal agency, such as a revenue department or the Social Security Administration, the United States Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Homeland Security, and so on. Mail cannot be addressed “In Care of,” “For,” or “Parent of.”
- Government employee pay stub with both your name and current resident address as well as your employer’s name and phone number or address for verification, if necessary
- Out-of-state license (for example, an Arizona license) with a Washington address (a change-of-address sticker or handwritten address on the license is not acceptable)
- Concealed weapon permit

You can use documents that are in your spouse’s name if your last name and that of your spouse are the same or if you bring in acceptable connecting documents (for example: a marriage certificate). Your spouse does not need to be present and does not need to sign a declaration.

Minor (under age 18)

If you are under 18, you may use your parent’s or legal guardian’s residential address as proof of residence. Your parent or legal guardian must live in Washington State and must show us acceptable documents proving their identity, residence and relationship to you.

If you are under 18, you may establish your identity with a parent or legal guardian affidavit. When you apply, your parent or legal guardian must come with you to the licensing office, sign the affidavit, and show us at least one acceptable document to prove their identity and one other document to prove they are your parent or legal guardian. If your parent or legal guardian’s proof of identification is an out-of-state driver license or ID card, or if your last name differs from that of your parent or legal guardian, we will require more documents.